

REMARKS

In the Office Action identified above, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8; objected to claim 7; rejected claims 9-12, 14-15, 17-18, and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chien et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,694,569) in view of Su-Man (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,884); and objected to claims 13, 16, and 19-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claim 7 to correct the lack of antecedent basis and request the Examiner to withdraw his objection to claim 7. Further, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-8 and indication that claims 13, 16, and 19-22 recite allowable subject matter. Applicants believe that claims 9-12, 14-15, 17-18, and 23-25 also recite allowable subject matter and reserve the right to pursue the rejected claims in a continuation application. However, to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended claim 9 to incorporate allowable subject matter of objected to claims 13 and amend claim 18 to incorporate allowable subject matter of objected to claim 19. Applicants also have amended claim 10 to maintain antecedent basis. In addition, Applicants have canceled claims 11-13, 19, and 23-35 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject of record and have amended claim 20 to change its dependence from now cancelled claim 19. Applicants submit that the above noted claim amendments do not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

As a result of these amendments which incorporate allowable subject matter into the rejected claims, Applicants submit that claims 9, 10, 14-18, and 20-22 are in

condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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